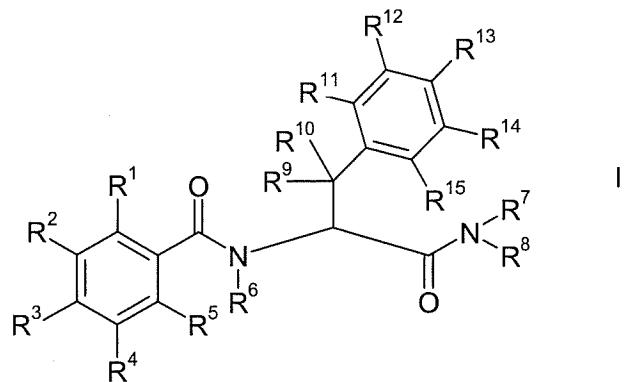


Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A benzoyl-substituted phenylalanineamide of the formula I



in which the variables are as defined below:

R^1 is halogen, cyano, $\text{C}_1\text{-C}_6$ -alkyl, $\text{C}_1\text{-C}_6$ -haloalkyl, $\text{C}_1\text{-C}_6$ -haloalkoxy, nitro, hydroxycarbonyl, $\text{C}_1\text{-C}_6$ -alkoxycarbonyl, or $\text{C}_1\text{-C}_6$ -haloalkylthio or phenyl;

R^2 , $[[\text{R}^3]]$, R^4 , R^5 are hydrogen, halogen, cyano, $\text{C}_1\text{-C}_6$ -alkyl, $\text{C}_1\text{-C}_6$ -haloalkyl, $\text{C}_1\text{-C}_6$ -alkoxy, $\text{C}_1\text{-C}_6$ -haloalkoxy, nitro, amino, $\text{C}_1\text{-C}_6$ -alkylamino, di($\text{C}_1\text{-C}_6$ -alkyl)amino, $\text{C}_1\text{-C}_6$ -alkylthio or $\text{C}_1\text{-C}_6$ -alkoxycarbonyl;

R^3 is hydrogen, halogen, cyano, $\text{C}_1\text{-C}_6$ -alkyl, $\text{C}_1\text{-C}_6$ -haloalkyl, $\text{C}_1\text{-C}_6$ -alkoxy, nitro, amino, $\text{C}_1\text{-C}_6$ -alkylamino, di($\text{C}_1\text{-C}_6$ -alkyl)amino, $\text{C}_1\text{-C}_6$ -alkylthio or

C₁-C₆-alkoxycarbonyl:

R⁶, R⁷ are hydrogen, or hydroxyl ~~or~~ C₁-C₆-alkoxy;

R⁸ is C₁-C₆-alkyl, C₁-C₄-cyanoalkyl or C₁-C₆-haloalkyl;

R⁹ is OR¹⁶, SR¹⁷ or NR¹⁸R¹⁹;

R¹⁰ is hydrogen or C₁-C₆-alkyl;

R¹¹, R¹² are hydrogen, halogen, cyano, C₁-C₆-alkyl, C₁-C₆-haloalkyl, hydroxyl, C₁-C₆-alkoxy, C₁-C₆-haloalkoxy, hydroxyl, nitro, hydroxy-C₁-C₄-alkyl, C₁-C₆-alkoxy-C₁-C₄-alkyl, tri(C₁-C₆-alkyl)silyloxy-C₁-C₄-alkyl, C₁-C₄-alkylthio, (hydroxycarbonyl)-C₁-C₆-alkyl, (C₁-C₆-alkoxycarbonyl)-C₁-C₆-alkyl, (hydroxycarbonyl)-C₂-C₆-alkenyl, (C₁-C₆-alkoxycarbonyl)-C₂-C₆-alkenyl, (hydroxycarbonyl)-C₁-C₄-alkoxy, (C₁-C₄-alkoxycarbonyl)-C₁-C₄-alkoxy, (C₁-C₄-alkylcarbonyl)oxy-C₁-C₄-alkyl, hydroxycarbonyl-C₁-C₄-alkoxy-C₁-C₄-alkyl, (C₁-C₄-alkylsulfonyl)oxy-C₁-C₄-alkyl, C₁-C₄-alkyl-O-C(O)-[C₁-C₄-alkyl-O]₃-C₁-C₄-alkyl, carbamoyloxy-C₁-C₄-alkyl, (C₁-C₄-alkylaminocarbonyl)oxy-C₁-C₄-alkyl, [di(C₁-C₄-alkyl)aminocarbonyl]oxy-C₁-C₄-alkyl, [(C₁-C₄-haloalkylsulfonyl)aminocarbonyl]oxy-C₁-C₄-alkyl, benzyloxy, where the phenyl ring may be substituted by 1 to 3 radicals from the group consisting of halogen and C₁-C₄-alkyl, amino, C₁-C₄-alkylamino, di(C₁-C₄-alkyl)amino, (C₁-C₄-alkylsulfonyl)-amino, C₁-C₄-(haloalkylsulfonyl)amino, (C₁-C₄-alkylcarbonyl)amino,

carbamoylamino, (C₁-C₄-alkylamino)carbonylamino, [di(C₁-C₄-alkyl)amino]carbonylamino, [(C₁-C₄-haloalkylsulfonyl)aminocarbonyl]-amino, phenyl or heterocyclyl, where the phenyl and the heterocyclyl radical of the two last-mentioned substituents may carry one to three radicals from the following group: halogen, nitro, C₁-C₄-alkyl, C₁-C₄-haloalkyl, hydroxycarbonyl and C₁-C₆-alkoxycarbonyl;

R¹³, R¹⁴, R¹⁵ are hydrogen, halogen, cyano, C₁-C₆-alkyl, C₁-C₆-haloalkyl, C₁-C₆-alkoxy, C₁-C₆-haloalkoxy, nitro, hydroxyl, C₁-C₄-alkylthio or benzyloxy;

R¹⁶, R¹⁷, R¹⁸ are hydrogen, C₁-C₆-alkyl, tri(C₁-C₆-alkyl)silyl, C₃-C₆-cycloalkyl, C₃-C₆-alkenyl, C₃-C₆-alkynyl, C₃-C₆-haloalkenyl, C₃-C₆-haloalkynyl, formyl, C₁-C₆-alkylcarbonyl, C₃-C₆-cycloalkylcarbonyl, C₂-C₆-alkenylcarbonyl, C₂-C₆-alkynylcarbonyl, C₁-C₆-alkoxycarbonyl, C₃-C₆-alkenyloxy, C₃-C₆-alkynylloxy, C₁-C₆-alkylaminocarbonyl, C₃-C₆-alkenylaminocarbonyl, C₃-C₆-alkynylaminocarbonyl, C₁-C₆-alkylsulfonylaminocarbonyl, C₁-C₆-haloalkylsulfonylaminocarbonyl, di(C₁-C₆-alkyl)aminocarbonyl, N-(C₃-C₆-alkenyl)-N-(C₁-C₆-alkyl)aminocarbonyl, N-(C₃-C₆-alkynyl)-N-(C₁-C₆-alkyl)aminocarbonyl, N-(C₁-C₆-alkoxy)-N-(C₁-C₆-alkyl)aminocarbonyl, N-(C₃-C₆-alkynyl)-N-(C₁-C₆-alkoxy)aminocarbonyl, di(C₁-C₆-alkyl)aminothiocarbonyl, C₁-C₆-alkylcarbonyl-C₁-C₆-alkyl, C₁-C₆-alkoxyimino-C₁-C₆-alkyl, N-(C₁-C₆-alkylamino)imino-C₁-C₆-alkyl or N-(di-C₁-C₆-alkylamino)imino-C₁-C₆-alkyl.

alkyl,

where the alkyl, cycloalkyl and alkoxy radicals mentioned may be partially or fully halogenated and/or may carry one to three of the following groups: cyano, hydroxyl, C₃-C₆-cycloalkyl, C₁-C₄-alkoxy, C₁-C₄-alkylthio, di(C₁-C₄-alkyl)amino, C₁-C₄-alkylcarbonyl, hydroxycarbonyl, C₁-C₄-alkoxycarbonyl, aminocarbonyl, C₁-C₄-alkylaminocarbonyl, di(C₁-C₄-alkyl)-aminocarbonyl or C₁-C₄-alkylcarbonyloxy;

phenyl, phenyl-C₁-C₆-alkyl, phenylcarbonyl, phenylcarbonyl- C₁-C₆-alkyl, phenoxy carbonyl, phenylaminocarbonyl, phenylsulfonylaminocarbonyl, N-(C₁-C₆-alkyl)-N-(phenyl)aminocarbonyl, phenyl-C₁-C₆-alkylcarbonyl, heterocyclyl, heterocyclyl-C₁-C₆-alkyl, heterocyclylcarbonyl, heterocyclylcarbonyl-C₁-C₆-alkyl, heterocyclyoxy carbonyl, heterocyclylaminocarbonyl, heterocyclylsulfonylaminocarbonyl, N-(C₁-C₆-alkyl)-N-(heterocyclyl)aminocarbonyl or heterocyclyl-C₁-C₆-alkylcarbonyl,

where the phenyl and the heterocyclyl radicals may be partially or fully halogenated and/or may carry one to three of the following groups: nitro, cyano, C₁-C₄-alkyl, C₁-C₄-haloalkyl, C₁-C₄-alkoxy or C₁-C₄-haloalkoxy

SO₂R²⁰; -C(O)-[C₁-C₄-alkyl-O]₃-C₁-C₄-alkyl; or -C(O)-O-C₁-C₄-alkyl-O-phenyl, where the phenyl radical may optionally be substituted by one to three radicals from the group consisting of halogen and C₁-C₄-alkyl;

R^{19} is hydrogen, C_1 - C_6 -alkyl, C_3 - C_6 -cycloalkyl, C_3 - C_6 -alkenyl, C_3 - C_6 -alkynyl, C_3 - C_6 -haloalkenyl, C_3 - C_6 -haloalkynyl,

where the alkyl and cycloalkyl radicals mentioned may be partially or fully halogenated and/or may carry one to three of the following groups: cyano, hydroxyl, C_3 - C_6 -cycloalkyl, C_1 - C_4 -alkoxy, C_1 - C_4 -alkylthio, di(C_1 - C_4 -alkyl)amino, C_1 - C_4 -alkylcarbonyl, hydroxycarbonyl, C_1 - C_4 -alkoxycarbonyl, aminocarbonyl, C_1 - C_4 -alkylaminocarbonyl, di(C_1 - C_4 -alkyl)amino-carbonyl or C_1 - C_4 -alkylcarbonyloxy; or phenyl, phenyl- C_1 - C_6 -alkyl, heterocyclyl or heterocyclyl- C_1 - C_6 -alkyl, where the phenyl and the heterocyclyl radicals of the 4 last-mentioned substituents may be partially or fully halogenated, and/or may carry one to three of the following groups: nitro, cyano, C_1 - C_4 -alkyl, C_1 - C_4 -haloalkyl, C_1 - C_4 -alkoxy or C_1 - C_4 -haloalkoxy;

R^{20} is C_1 - C_6 -alkyl, C_1 - C_6 -haloalkyl or phenyl,

where the phenyl radical may be partially or fully halogenated and/or may carry one to three of the following groups: C_1 - C_6 -alkyl, C_1 - C_6 -haloalkyl or C_1 - C_6 -alkoxy;

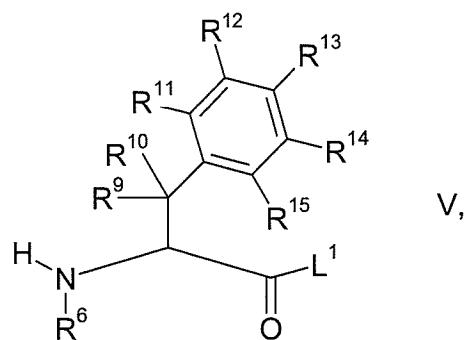
or an agriculturally useful salt thereof.

2. (Orginal) The benzoyl-substituted phenylalanineamide of the formula I

according to claim 1, where R¹ is halogen or C₁-C₆-haloalkyl.

3. (Previously Presented) The benzoyl-substituted phenylalanineamide of the formula according to claim 1, where R² and R³ independently of one another are hydrogen, halogen or C₁-C₆-haloalkyl.
4. (Previously Presented) The benzoyl-substituted phenylalanineamide of the formula I according to claim 1, where R⁴, R⁵, R⁶, R⁷, R¹⁰, R¹³, R¹⁴ and R¹⁵ are hydrogen.
5. (Previously Presented) The benzoyl-substituted phenylalanineamide of the formula I according to claim 1, where R⁹ is OR¹⁶.
6. (Withdrawn) A process for preparing benzoyl-substituted phenylalanineamides of the formula I according to claim 1, which comprises

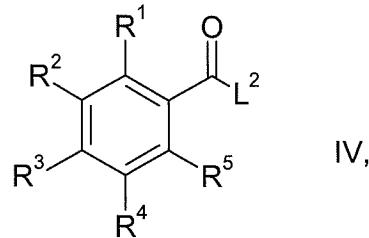
reacting phenylalanines of the formula V



where R⁶ and R⁹ to R¹⁵ are as defined in claim 1 and L¹ is a nucleophilically

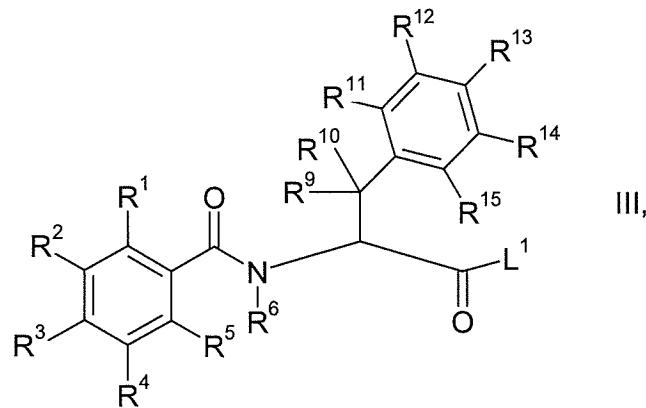
displaceable leaving group,

with benzoic acids or benzoic acid derivatives of the formula IV



where R^1 to R^5 are as defined in claim 1 and L^2 is a nucleophilically
displaceable leaving group

to give the corresponding benzoyl derivatives of the formula III



where R^1 to R^6 and R^9 to R^{15} are as defined in claim 1 and L^1 is a
nucleophilically displaceable leaving group

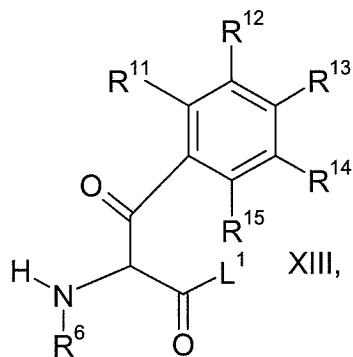
and then reacting the resulting benzoyl derivatives of the formula III with an

amine of the formula II



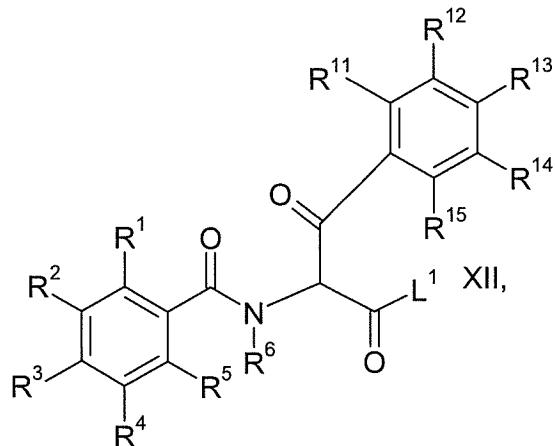
where R^7 and R^8 are as defined in claim 1.

7. (Withdrawn) The process of claim 6 for preparing benzoyl-substituted phenylalanineamides of the formula I, where R^9 is hydroxyl and R^{10} is hydrogen, which comprises preparing benzoyl derivatives of the formula III where R^9 is hydroxyl and R^{10} is hydrogen by acylating keto compounds of the formula XIII



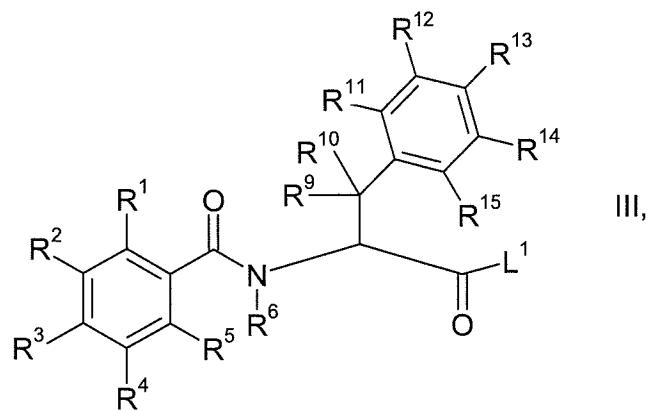
where R^6 and R^{11} to R^{15} are as defined in claim 6 and L^1 is a nucleophilically displaceable leaving group

with benzoic acids/benzoic acid derivatives of the formula IV to produce N-acyl keto compounds of the formula XII



where R¹ to R⁶ and R¹¹ to R¹⁵ are as defined in claim 6 and L¹ is a nucleophilically displaceable leaving group, and thereafter reducing the keto group.

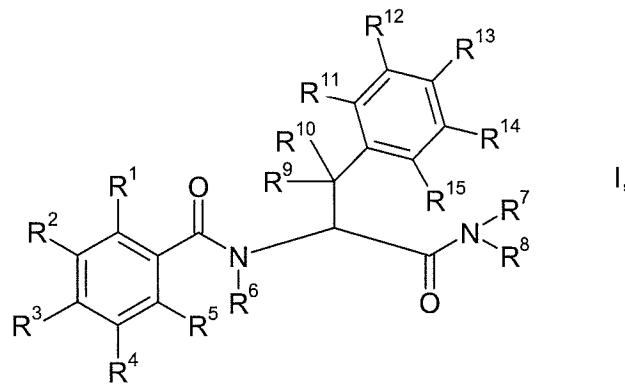
8. (Withdrawn) A benzoyl derivative of the formula III



where R¹ to R⁶ and R⁹ to R¹⁵ are as defined in claim 1 and L¹ is a nucleophilically displaceable leaving group.

9. (Currently Amended) A herbicidal composition comprising a herbicidally

effective amount of at least one benzoyl-substituted phenylalanineamide of the
formula I



in which the variables are as defined below:

R¹ is halogen, cyano, C₁-C₆-alkyl, C₁-C₆-haloalkyl, C₁-C₆-haloalkoxy, nitro, hydroxycarbonyl, C₁-C₆-alkoxycarbonyl, C₁-C₆-haloalkylthio, or phenyl;

R^2, R^3, R^4, R^5 are hydrogen, halogen, cyano, C_1 - C_6 -alkyl, C_1 - C_6 -haloalkyl, C_1 - C_6 -alkoxy, C_1 - C_6 -haloalkoxy, nitro, amino, C_1 - C_6 -alkylamino, di(C_1 - C_6 -alkyl)amino, C_1 - C_6 -alkylthio or C_1 - C_6 -alkoxycarbonyl;

R⁶, R⁷ are hydrogen, hydroxyl or C₁-C₆-alkoxy;

R⁸ is C₁-C₆-alkyl, C₁-C₄-cyanoalkyl or C₁-C₆-haloalkyl;

R⁹ is OR¹⁶, SR¹⁷ or NR¹⁸R¹⁹;

R¹⁰ is hydrogen or C₁-C₆-alkyl;

R¹¹, R¹² are hydrogen, halogen, cyano, C₁-C₆-alkyl, C₁-C₆-haloalkyl, hydroxyl, C₁-C₆-alkoxy, C₁-C₆-haloalkoxy, hydroxyl, nitro, hydroxy-C₁-C₄-alkyl, C₁-C₆-alkoxy-C₁-C₄-alkyl, tri(C₁-C₆-alkyl)silyloxy-C₁-C₄-alkyl, C₁-C₄-alkylthio, (hydroxycarbonyl)-C₁-C₆-alkyl, (C₁-C₆-alkoxycarbonyl)-C₁-C₆-alkyl, (hydroxycarbonyl)-C₂-C₆-alkenyl, (C₁-C₆-alkoxycarbonyl)-C₂-C₆-alkenyl, (hydroxycarbonyl)-C₁-C₄-alkoxy, (C₁-C₄-alkoxycarbonyl)-C₁-C₄-alkoxy, (C₁-C₄-alkylcarbonyl)oxy-C₁-C₄-alkyl, hydroxycarbonyl-C₁-C₄-alkoxy-C₁-C₄-alkyl, (C₁-C₄-alkylsulfonyl)oxy-C₁-C₄-alkyl, C₁-C₄-alkyl-O-C(O)-[C₁-C₄-alkyl-O]₃-C₁-C₄-alkyl, carbamoyloxy-C₁-C₄-alkyl, (C₁-C₄-alkylaminocarbonyl)oxy-C₁-C₄-alkyl, [di(C₁-C₄-alkyl)aminocarbonyl]oxy-C₁-C₄-alkyl, [(C₁-C₄-haloalkylsulfonyl)aminocarbonyl]oxy-C₁-C₄-alkyl, benzyloxy, where the phenyl ring may be substituted by 1 to 3 radicals from the group consisting of halogen and C₁-C₄-alkyl, amino, C₁-C₄-alkylamino, di(C₁-C₄-alkyl)amino, (C₁-C₄-alkylsulfonyl)amino, C₁-C₄-(haloalkylsulfonyl)amino, (C₁-C₄-alkylcarbonyl)amino, carbamoylamino, (C₁-C₄-alkylamino)carbonylamino, [di(C₁-C₄-alkyl)amino]carbonylamino, [(C₁-C₄-haloalkylsulfonyl)aminocarbonyl]-amino, phenyl or heterocyclyl, where the phenyl and the heterocyclyl radical of the two last-mentioned substituents may carry one to three radicals from the following group: halogen, nitro, C₁-C₄-alkyl, C₁-C₄-haloalkyl, hydroxycarbonyl and C₁-C₆-alkoxycarbonyl;

R¹³, R¹⁴, R¹⁵ are hydrogen, halogen, cyano, C₁-C₆-alkyl, C₁-C₆-haloalkyl, C₁-C₆-alkoxy, C₁-C₆-haloalkoxy, nitro, hydroxyl, C₁-C₄-alkylthio or benzyloxy;

R¹⁶, R¹⁷, R¹⁸ are hydrogen, C₁-C₆-alkyl, tri(C₁-C₆-alkyl)silyl, C₃-C₆-cycloalkyl, C₃-C₆-alkenyl, C₃-C₆-alkynyl, C₃-C₆-haloalkenyl, C₃-C₆-haloalkynyl, formyl, C₁-C₆-alkylcarbonyl, C₃-C₆-cycloalkylcarbonyl, C₂-C₆-alkenylcarbonyl, C₂-C₆-alkynylcarbonyl, C₁-C₆-alkoxycarbonyl, C₃-C₆-alkenyloxycarbonyl, C₃-C₆-alkynyloxycarbonyl, C₁-C₆-alkylaminocarbonyl, C₃-C₆-alkenylaminocarbonyl, C₃-C₆-alkynylaminocarbonyl, C₁-C₆-alkylsulfonylaminocarbonyl, C₁-C₆-haloalkylsulfonylaminocarbonyl, di(C₁-C₆-alkyl)aminocarbonyl, N-(C₃-C₆-alkenyl)-N-(C₁-C₆-alkyl)aminocarbonyl, N-(C₃-C₆-alkynyl)-N-(C₁-C₆-alkyl)aminocarbonyl, N-(C₁-C₆-alkoxy)-N-(C₁-C₆-alkyl)aminocarbonyl, N-(C₃-C₆-alkenyl)-N-(C₁-C₆-alkoxy)aminocarbonyl, N-(C₃-C₆-alkynyl)-N-(C₁-C₆-alkoxy)aminocarbonyl, di(C₁-C₆-alkyl)aminothiocarbonyl, C₁-C₆-alkylcarbonyl-C₁-C₆-alkyl, C₁-C₆-alkoxyimino-C₁-C₆-alkyl, N-(C₁-C₆-alkylamino)imino-C₁-C₆-alkyl or N-(di-C₁-C₆-alkylamino)imino-C₁-C₆-alkyl, where the alkyl, cycloalkyl and alkoxy radicals mentioned may be partially or fully halogenated and/or may carry one to three of the following groups: cyano, hydroxyl, C₃-C₆-cycloalkyl, C₁-C₄-alkoxy, C₁-C₄-alkylthio, di(C₁-C₄-alkyl)amino, C₁-C₄-alkylcarbonyl, hydroxycarbonyl, C₁-C₄-alkoxycarbonyl, aminocarbonyl, C₁-C₄-alkylaminocarbonyl, di(C₁-C₄-alkyl)-aminocarbonyl or C₁-C₄-alkylcarbonyloxy;

phenyl, phenyl-C₁-C₆-alkyl, phenylcarbonyl, phenylcarbonyl-C₁-C₆-alkyl, phenoxy carbonyl, phenylaminocarbonyl,

phenylsulfonylaminocarbonyl, N-(C₁-C₆-alkyl)-N-(phenyl)aminocarbonyl, phenyl-C₁-C₆-alkylcarbonyl, heterocyclyl, heterocyclyl-C₁-C₆-alkyl, heterocyclylcarbonyl, heterocyclylcarbonyl-C₁-C₆-alkyl, heterocyclyoxy carbonyl, heterocyclylaminocarbonyl, heterocyclylsulfonylaminocarbonyl, N-(C₁-C₆-alkyl)-N-(heterocyclyl)aminocarbonyl or heterocyclyl-C₁-C₆-alkylcarbonyl,
where the phenyl and the heterocyclyl radicals may be partially or fully halogenated and/or may carry one to three of the following groups: nitro, cyano, C₁-C₄-alkyl, C₁-C₄-haloalkyl, C₁-C₄-alkoxy or C₁-C₄-haloalkoxy
SO₂R²⁰; -C(O)-[C₁-C₄-alkyl-O]₃-C₁-C₄-alkyl; or
-C(O)-O-C₁-C₄-alkyl-O-phenyl, where the phenyl radical may optionally be substituted by one to three radicals from the group consisting of halogen and C₁-C₄-alkyl;

R¹⁹ is hydrogen, C₁-C₆-alkyl, C₃-C₆-cycloalkyl, C₃-C₆-alkenyl, C₃-C₆-alkynyl, C₃-C₆-haloalkenyl, C₃-C₆-haloalkynyl,
where the alkyl and cycloalkyl radicals mentioned may be partially or fully halogenated and/or may carry one to three of the following groups: cyano, hydroxyl, C₃-C₆-cycloalkyl, C₁-C₄-alkoxy, C₁-C₄-alkylthio, di(C₁-C₄-alkyl)amino, C₁-C₄-alkylcarbonyl, hydroxycarbonyl, C₁-C₄-alkoxycarbonyl, aminocarbonyl, C₁-C₄-alkylaminocarbonyl, di(C₁-C₄-alkyl)amino-carbonyl or C₁-C₄-alkylcarbonyloxy; or
phenyl, phenyl-C₁-C₆-alkyl, heterocyclyl or heterocyclyl-C₁-C₆-alkyl,

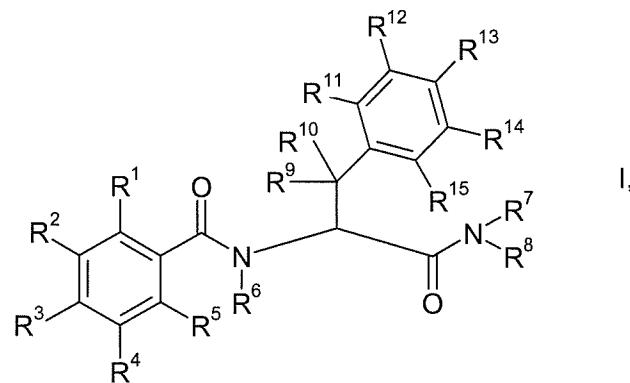
where the phenyl and the heterocycll radicals of the 4 last-mentioned substituents may be partially or fully halogenated, and/or may carry one to three of the following groups: nitro, cyano, C₁-C₄-alkyl, C₁-C₄-haloalkyl, C₁-C₄-alkoxy or C₁-C₄-haloalkoxy;

R²⁰ is C₁-C₆-alkyl, C₁-C₆-haloalkyl or phenyl,

where the phenyl radical may be partially or fully halogenated and/or may carry one to three of the following groups: C₁-C₆-alkyl, C₁-C₆-haloalkyl or C₁-C₆-alkoxy;

or an agriculturally useful salt thereof of claim 1 and auxiliaries customary for formulating crop protection agents.

10. (Currently Amended) A process for preparing herbicidal compositions according to claim 9, which comprises comprising mixing a herbicidally effective amount of at least one benzoyl-substituted phenylalanineamide of the formula I



in which the variables are as defined below:

R¹ is halogen, cyano, C₁-C₆-alkyl, C₁-C₆-haloalkyl, C₁-C₆-haloalkoxy, nitro, hydroxycarbonyl, C₁-C₆-alkoxycarbonyl, C₁-C₆-haloalkylthio, or phenyl;

R², R³, R⁴, R⁵ are hydrogen, halogen, cyano, C₁-C₆-alkyl, C₁-C₆-haloalkyl, C₁-C₆-alkoxy, C₁-C₆-haloalkoxy, nitro, amino, C₁-C₆-alkylamino, di(C₁-C₆-alkyl)amino, C₁-C₆-alkylthio or C₁-C₆-alkoxycarbonyl;

R⁶, R⁷ are hydrogen, hydroxyl or C₁-C₆-alkoxy;

R⁸ is C₁-C₆-alkyl, C₁-C₄-cyanoalkyl or C₁-C₆-haloalkyl;

R⁹ is OR¹⁶, SR¹⁷ or NR¹⁸R¹⁹;

R¹⁰ is hydrogen or C₁-C₆-alkyl;

R¹¹, R¹² are hydrogen, halogen, cyano, C₁-C₆-alkyl, C₁-C₆-haloalkyl, hydroxyl, C₁-C₆-alkoxy, C₁-C₆-haloalkoxy, hydroxyl, nitro, hydroxy-C₁-C₄-alkyl, C₁-C₆-alkoxy-C₁-C₄-alkyl, tri(C₁-C₆-alkyl)silyloxy-C₁-C₄-alkyl, C₁-C₄-alkylthio, (hydroxycarbonyl)-C₁-C₆-alkyl, (C₁-C₆-alkoxycarbonyl)-C₁-C₆-alkyl, (hydroxycarbonyl)-C₂-C₆-alkenyl, (C₁-C₆-alkoxycarbonyl)-C₂-C₆-alkenyl, (hydroxycarbonyl)-C₁-C₄-alkoxy, (C₁-C₄-alkoxycarbonyl)-C₁-C₄-alkoxy, (C₁-C₄-alkylcarbonyl)oxy-C₁-C₄-alkyl, hydroxycarbonyl-C₁-C₄-alkoxy-C₁-C₄-alkyl, (C₁-C₄-alkylsulfonyl)oxy-C₁-C₄-alkyl, C₁-C₄-alkyl-O-C(O)-[C₁-C₄-alkyl-O]₃-C₁-C₄-alkyl, carbamoyloxy-C₁-C₄-alkyl, (C₁-C₄-alkylaminocarbonyl)oxy-C₁-C₄-alkyl, [di(C₁-C₄-alkyl)aminocarbonyl]oxy-C₁-C₄-alkyl, [(C₁-C₄-haloalkylsulfonyl)aminocarbonyl]oxy-C₁-C₄-alkyl, benzyloxy, where the phenyl ring may be substituted by 1 to 3 radicals

from the group consisting of halogen and C_1 - C_4 -alkyl, amino, C_1 - C_4 -alkylamino, di(C_1 - C_4 -alkyl)amino, (C_1 - C_4 -alkylsulfonyl)amino, C_1 - C_4 -(haloalkylsulfonyl)amino, (C_1 - C_4 -alkylcarbonyl)amino, carbamoylamino, (C_1 - C_4 -alkylamino)carbonylamino, [di(C_1 - C_4 -alkyl)amino]carbonylamino, [(C_1 - C_4 -haloalkylsulfonyl)aminocarbonyl]-amino, phenyl or heterocyclyl, where the phenyl and the heterocyclyl radical of the two last-mentioned substituents may carry one to three radicals from the following group: halogen, nitro, C_1 - C_4 -alkyl, C_1 - C_4 -haloalkyl, hydroxycarbonyl and C_1 - C_6 -alkoxycarbonyl;

R^{13} , R^{14} , R^{15} are hydrogen, halogen, cyano, C_1 - C_6 -alkyl, C_1 - C_6 -haloalkyl, C_1 - C_6 -alkoxy, C_1 - C_6 -haloalkoxy, nitro, hydroxyl, C_1 - C_4 -alkylthio or benzyloxy;

R^{16} , R^{17} , R^{18} are hydrogen, C_1 - C_6 -alkyl, tri(C_1 - C_6 -alkyl)silyl, C_3 - C_6 -cycloalkyl, C_3 - C_6 -alkenyl, C_3 - C_6 -alkynyl, C_3 - C_6 -haloalkenyl, C_3 - C_6 -haloalkynyl, formyl, C_1 - C_6 -alkylcarbonyl, C_3 - C_6 -cycloalkylcarbonyl, C_2 - C_6 -alkenylcarbonyl, C_2 - C_6 -alkynylcarbonyl, C_1 - C_6 -alkoxycarbonyl, C_3 - C_6 -alkenyloxy carbonyl, C_3 - C_6 -alkynyloxy carbonyl, C_1 - C_6 -alkylaminocarbonyl, C_3 - C_6 -alkenylaminocarbonyl, C_3 - C_6 -alkynylaminocarbonyl, C_1 - C_6 -alkylsulfonylaminocarbonyl, C_1 - C_6 -haloalkylsulfonylaminocarbonyl, di(C_1 - C_6 -alkyl)aminocarbonyl, N-(C_3 - C_6 -alkenyl)-N-(C_1 - C_6 -alkyl)aminocarbonyl, N-(C_3 - C_6 -alkynyl)-N-(C_1 - C_6 -alkyl)aminocarbonyl, N-(C_1 - C_6 -alkoxy)-N-(C_1 - C_6 -alkyl)aminocarbonyl, N-(C_3 - C_6 -alkenyl)-N-(C_1 - C_6 -alkoxy)aminocarbonyl, N-(C_3 - C_6 -alkynyl)-N-

(C₁-C₆-alkoxy)aminocarbonyl, di(C₁-C₆-alkyl)aminothiocarbonyl, C₁-C₆-alkylcarbonyl-C₁-C₆-alkyl, C₁-C₆-alkoxyimino-C₁-C₆-alkyl, N-(C₁-C₆-alkylamino)imino-C₁-C₆-alkyl or N-(di-C₁-C₆-alkylamino)imino-C₁-C₆-alkyl, where the alkyl, cycloalkyl and alkoxy radicals mentioned may be partially or fully halogenated and/or may carry one to three of the following groups: cyano, hydroxyl, C₃-C₆-cycloalkyl, C₁-C₄-alkoxy, C₁-C₄-alkylthio, di(C₁-C₄-alkyl)amino, C₁-C₄-alkylcarbonyl, hydroxycarbonyl, C₁-C₄-alkoxycarbonyl, aminocarbonyl, C₁-C₄-alkylaminocarbonyl, di(C₁-C₄-alkyl)-aminocarbonyl or C₁-C₄-alkylcarbonyloxy;

phenyl, phenyl-C₁-C₆-alkyl, phenylcarbonyl, phenylcarbonyl- C₁-C₆-alkyl, phenoxy carbonyl, phenylaminocarbonyl, phenylsulfonylaminocarbonyl, N-(C₁-C₆-alkyl)-N-(phenyl)aminocarbonyl, phenyl-C₁-C₆-alkylcarbonyl, heterocyclyl, heterocyclyl-C₁-C₆-alkyl, heterocyclylcarbonyl, heterocyclylcarbonyl-C₁-C₆-alkyl, heterocyclyoxy carbonyl, heterocyclylaminocarbonyl, heterocyclylsulfonylaminocarbonyl, N-(C₁-C₆-alkyl)-N-(heterocyclyl)aminocarbonyl or heterocyclyl-C₁-C₆-alkylcarbonyl, where the phenyl and the heterocyclyl radicals may be partially or fully halogenated and/or may carry one to three of the following groups: nitro, cyano, C₁-C₄-alkyl, C₁-C₄-haloalkyl, C₁-C₄-alkoxy or C₁-C₄-haloalkoxy
SO₂R²⁰; -C(O)-[C₁-C₄-alkyl-O]₃-C₁-C₄-alkyl; or
-C(O)-O-C₁-C₄-alkyl-O-phenyl, where the phenyl radical may optionally

be substituted by one to three radicals from the group consisting of
halogen and C₁-C₄-alkyl;

R¹⁹ is hydrogen, C₁-C₆-alkyl, C₃-C₆-cycloalkyl, C₃-C₆-alkenyl, C₃-C₆-alkynyl,
C₃-C₆-haloalkenyl, C₃-C₆-haloalkynyl,
where the alkyl and cycloalkyl radicals mentioned may be
partially or fully halogenated and/or may carry one to three of
the following groups: cyano, hydroxyl, C₃-C₆-cycloalkyl, C₁-C₄-
alkoxy, C₁-C₄-alkylthio, di(C₁-C₄-alkyl)amino, C₁-C₄-
alkylcarbonyl, hydroxycarbonyl, C₁-C₄-alkoxycarbonyl,
aminocarbonyl, C₁-C₄-alkylaminocarbonyl, di(C₁-C₄-alkyl)amino-
carbonyl or C₁-C₄-alkylcarbonyloxy; or
phenyl, phenyl-C₁-C₆-alkyl, heterocyclyl or heterocyclyl-C₁-C₆-alkyl,
where the phenyl and the heterocyclyl radicals of the 4 last-
mentioned substituents may be partially or fully halogenated,
and/or may carry one to three of the following groups: nitro,
cyano, C₁-C₄-alkyl, C₁-C₄-haloalkyl, C₁-C₄-alkoxy or C₁-C₄-
haloalkoxy;

R²⁰ is C₁-C₆-alkyl, C₁-C₆-haloalkyl or phenyl,
where the phenyl radical may be partially or fully halogenated
and/or may carry one to three of the following groups: C₁-C₆-
alkyl, C₁-C₆-haloalkyl or C₁-C₆-alkoxy;

or an agriculturally useful salt- thereof of claim 1 with auxiliaries customary for
formulating crop protection agents.

11. (Withdrawn) A method for controlling unwanted vegetation, which comprises allowing a herbicidally effective amount of at least one benzoyl-substituted phenylalanineamide or an agriculturally useful salt thereof of claim 1 to act on plants, their habitat and/or on seed.
12. (Cancelled)
13. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 11, wherein the application rate of the compound of formula I or salt thereof is from 0.001 to 3.0 kg/ha.
14. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 13, wherein the application rate is 0.01 to 1.0 kg/ha.
15. (Previously Presented) The phenylalanineamide or salt thereof of claim 1, wherein R¹ is F; R², R³, R⁴, R⁵, R⁶, R⁷, R¹⁰, R¹⁴ and R¹⁵ are all H; and R⁸ is CH₃.